



NEWSLETTER

Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse

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photograph by [Bill Edmunds](#) our website Tech Support.

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Outreach



Webcam

shows the lighthouse to be in good shape after a strenuous winter.

The Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse

Art Auction ~ *Capture the Coast*

will take place on July 13th.

Reservations will be available in June.

Over 50 artists will be offering their work as they truly capture the beauty of Maine's coast in their paintings. A few examples of work by several of our artists are shown below.

Many other very talented painters will be at Capture the Coast!

Who is this?



This is Ricky Winchester, son of keeper Dave Winchester, leaving Nubble Light by basket to get to school on the mainland in 1967. The family had to leave duty at Wood Island Lighthouse because school age children did not have a reliable way of getting to school on the mainland from Wood Island. The Coast Guard didn't think this basket was very reliable either and stopped the practice shortly after this photo.



Paul Bonneau



Carolyn Walton



W. Robert Paine



Evelyn Dunphy

Shipwreck

November 7, 1892 two tugs, the *Express* and the *Willard Clapp*, rested on the bottom of the Saco River. The tide ran unusually low and the two tugs, which were tied up side by side on Factory Island, grounded and listed over in such a manner that they soon filled with water. Their smokestacks showed a few feet above water at high tide.
Biddeford Daily Journal



Philip McCurdy



Gail Claes



Lightrunner,
still on dryland, is in good shape
and awaiting June
for her return to the sea .



George Bruns

George Bruns has served as a host for Wood Island Lighthouse tours since they began. He winters in Hawaii and helps out there as well. Here he is hosting at the beautiful Kilauea Lighthouse on the island of Kauai

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**The Friends of
Wood Island Lighthouse**
is a chapter of the
American Lighthouse Foundation.
It was formed in the Spring of 2003
specifically to
preserve and restore the Wood Island
Light Station.
Please visit our website.
www.woodislandlighthouse.org



Wood Island greeters are waiting for our visitors!